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MINISTRY OF REHABILITATION

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 6th May 1953

No. 30(7)/51-Prop.—In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Administration of Evacuee Property (Amendment) Act. 1953 (11 of 1953), the central Government hereby appoints the 6th May, 1953 as the date on which the said Act shall come into force.

K. P. MATHRANI, Joint Secy.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

(TARIFFS)

New Delhi, the 7th May 1953

No. 36(1)-T.B./53.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the Flax Goods Industry on the basis of an enquiry made in pursuance of Section 26 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) A comparison of the fair ex-works price of the indigenous shoe thread with the landed cost ex-duty of the comparable imported article does not warrant an increase in the rates of import duties on flax goods.
- (2) The existing import duty on flax, both 'line' and 'tow', the principal raw material of the flax industry, should be abolished. There is no case for the refund of duty already paid on imports of flax fibre.
- (3) No case has been made out for the grant of protection to the industry Assistance in the form of abolition of customs duty on flax fibre should provide sufficient stimulus to the industry to establish itself in the country. If at any time in future the position of the industry is affected adversely by competition from the imported articles, it may approach the Government in the matter.
- (4) In determining the import control policy for flax goods in future, due consideration should be given to the existence of the large capacity available in the country for the production of such goods.
- (5) The manufacturers should take all necessary steps to produce articles of quality which can stand competition with imported articles.
- 2. Government accept all the recommendations of the Tariff Commission and will take steps to implement recommendations (2) and (4) as far as possible.
 - 3. The attention of the Industry is invited to recommendation No. (5).

S BHOOTHALINGAM, Joint Secy

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